

January 2024 Newsletter



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***“And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.” Genesis 1:5***

In one of my recent morning devotions, my attention was drawn to the statement, “And the evening and the morning were the first day.” I found it interesting that the first day was the unity of the evening and the morning. I also notice that the evening is mentioned first in the day. I began to praise the Lord though the evening is past we are only halfway through the day.

We have entered again into a New Year. The Lord again has blessed Judy and me to serve him in unity with so many faithful friends. To all that have prayed with us, invited us into their homes, helps us financially and to the men of God that has go graciously allowed us to share our burden in their pulpits and to preach the Word, we are eternally grateful. The evening has past, but the day is not over. Let’s pray together that the Lord will give us again a great harvest of souls in 2024.

Every month I am privileged to read the prayer letters of our missionaries. Here are just a few testimonies from the field:

“In 2023 I did a total of 130 services in three facilities, praise the Lord for 58 souls saved.”  
Missionary Jim Jones. Florida

“We give thanks to the Lord for 12 men making professions of faith in Christ Jesus the past couple of months.” Missionary Glen Ketchum. Alabama

“Through visitation and preaching 52 men made professions of faith during the prison revivals in November.” Missionary Dennis Terry. Texas

“Five preaching services, 13 hours going cell to cell and Praise the Lord for 27 souls saved this month.”  
Missionary Roger Herndon. North Carolina.

Praise the Lord I personally saw over 100 men saved in Florida and Alabama prisons in 2023. Thank you again for being a co-laborer with us in reaching men and women behind prison bars. Missionary Ricky Dunsford

In December, Judy and I spent only six days at home, half of the month was in meetings while the other half was traveling to spend time with our children and grandchildren. The Lord again was so gracious in our travels.

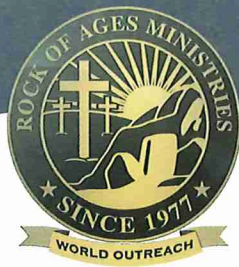
In January and February, we are scheduled to be on the road for over 30 days. Please pray the Lord will give us good health, traveling mercies and above all that we may use used for his glory.

We are again making plans for our annual Alabama Prison Campaign. The Lord has used this meeting in great ways for now over 15 years. Every year, due to the institutions being understaffed, or a medical quarantine, or maybe a serious lockdown situation, the chance of cancellation is possible. Please help us pray that all goes well this year as many volunteers are traveling great distances for this meeting.

Thank you again for your faithful support and a special thanks to those that sent a special Christmas offering

Your Missionaries,  
*Dr. Ricky Dunsford*  
Missionaries Ricky and Judy Dunsford

*2 Corinthians 4:5* For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.



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**"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost!" Mat 28:19**

"Teach all nations" the great commission of our Lord is to make disciples in all nations basically teach others what someone else has taught you. The first Bible verses I ever read were those used to lead me to the Lord at the age of 22. The Lord then led me to a Bible believing Baptist Church. I was blessed to be taught the scripture and challenged to serve wherever needed in the church. When the Lord called me to preach, I had no idea what to do. But I praise the Lord for a pastor and godly men of the church that taught me and encourage me. I have been preaching now over 40 years and I praise the Lord, for the many faithful servants of the Lord that took the time to help me along the way.

This May will be 33 years since we made our first trip overseas as a ministry. We started out looking for men that could translate for us as we preached to hundreds of prisoners. I quickly realize that the Lord had commissioned us to teach and disciple others to reach their prisons. With so many open doors, I knew that we would need partners back home to join us in helping the national families. As men began to partner with us the Lord, He would begin to call them as missionaries. Several foreign families have been trained and now serve fulltime as Rock of Ages missionaries. Thousands have heard the gospel, accepted Christ as their Saviour and now serve faithfully in local churches around the world. Thanks to your investment, the work will go until the Lord calls us home.

The Titus Partner Outreach continues to assist national volunteers and partners in reaching their local jails, schools and prisons. Hundreds serve faithfully every month and praise the Lord families are still surrender as missionaries. In 2023 we had two new foreign families surrender to be missionaries with one man in Africa and one man in Papua New Guinea praying about fulltime service.

The Rock of Ages has offices in various countries where the Prisoner's Bible Institute, missionary training centers and material storage and distribution take place. Often times we forget to mention those that are employed to help keep the ministry operating. Some of the ladies and men have been faithful employees for over 15 years. Given the educational level of our workers, their income would easily be two to three times more then they receive if they took secular employment. These families believe that the Lord has called them to serve in this area of the work. Thanks to the faithfulness of all that pray and give to the Titus Outreach, many are able to serve the Lord in their nation.

We are already seeing great growth with men surrendering fulltime to serve as missionaries and inmates enrolling in the Prisoner's Bible Institute.

Pray-- We are going to have six of our foreign missionaries in the first few months of 2024, pray their time in the states is not only very fruitful but that it may be a time of refreshing.

PRAY-- the Lord will completely pay our loans off this year.

Please continue to pray for the need to pay off the new office building in Brazil.

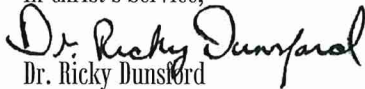
32 saved through studying the Prisoner's Bible Institute in Romania

204 saved in Ghana the past few weeks!

36 saved in the Middle East (Because of the area of service we don't name the country.)

Thank you again for your faithfulness. We pray this year is one of the greatest yet to be seen.

In Christ's Service,



Dr. Ricky Dunsford

Executive Vice President

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